

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 currently appear in this application. The Office Action of October 2, 2008, has been carefully studied. These claims define novel and unobvious subject matter under Sections 102 and 103 of 35 U.S.C., and therefore should be allowed. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration, entry of the present amendment, and formal allowance of the claims.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, as a further ingredient, alcohols as dispersants for the homo- and hetero-polysaccharides. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification as filed at page 8, lines 14-23. Accordingly, claim 6 has been amended to delete "dispersants for polysaccharides" from the claim.

Support for claim 11 can be found in the specification as filed at page 8, lines 14-16.

Art Rejections

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Corriveau et al., US Published Application 2004/0043134.


This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 has been amended to recite a film-shaped sweet composition which comprises sucralose, one or more polysaccharides selected from the group consisting of homo- and hetero-polysaccharides, and alcohols as dispersants for the polysaccharides.

Corriveau does not disclose the use of alcohols as dispersants for the polysaccharides as claimed herein. As described in the present specification, alcohol as a dispersant for polysaccharides effectively improves the piercing strength and tensile strength of the film-shaped sweet composition. There is nothing in Corriveau that teaches the advantages achieved by the use of alcohols as dispersants.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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